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**REMARKS**

To place the claims in better condition for appeal and to comply with the Examiner's suggestions, this Amendment: (1) amends Claims 1 to define "preemptive mode," (2) amends Claim 9 to clarify an issue regarding "coefficient of friction"; (3) cancels Claim 10, and (4) amends Claim 11 to define "preemptive slip control mode" and to change the dependency of Claim 11 from Claim 10 to Claim 9.

If the Examiner enters this Amendment, the issue whether Claims 1-8 and 10-17 should be rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, will have become moot for purposes of appeal.

In view of these comments and the amendments, the claims appear now in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the claims and that they be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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